

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 5 of the specification as follows:

The solidification step serves to purify the taxane amine salt in that substantially all the neutral compounds and other impurities in the reaction mixture remain in solution. The taxane amine may be converted into paclitaxel or other taxanes by contacting it with a benzoylating agent, preferably benzoyl chloride. Suitable benzoylating agents are described in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0035962, which is the publication of U.S. Application Ser. No. 11/196,950, which claims priority to U.S. application Ser. No. 60/444,847, filed Feb. 4, 2003. ~~This application~~ The noted publication is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.